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Bellow speaks on writing

by SCOTT STRONG
Managing Editor

Journalism and literature are as separate as journalists make them, Nobel Laureate Saul Bellow said during an interview in the dining room of the Cambridge Club Monday.

Bellow was in town to lecture Tuesday night at the Strand Theatre in a presentation sponsored by the LSUS American Studies Program. Considered by many critics to be the premiere living American novelist, Bellow is author of such books as "Herzog," "The Adventures of Augie March," "Henderson the Rain King," and "Mr. Sammler's Planet." His novels are noted for their political undertones and subtle analysis of contemporary culture. He received the Pulitzer

Prize in 1975 for his novel "Humboldt's Gift" and was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1976.

Bellow, who usually scorns interviews, spoke in a conversational tone, drinking Jack Daniels with water. "Civilized people have a drink before dinner," he said. Wearing a plaid blazer with matching pants, he left his trademark fedora in his suite.

Speaking on the differences between journalism and literature, Bellow said that modern-day journalism lacks the color of the stories written by such journalists as Stephen Crane and Ambrose Bierce, who were also noted writers. "Most journalists don't have a taste for great literature," he said, "so they concern themselves with

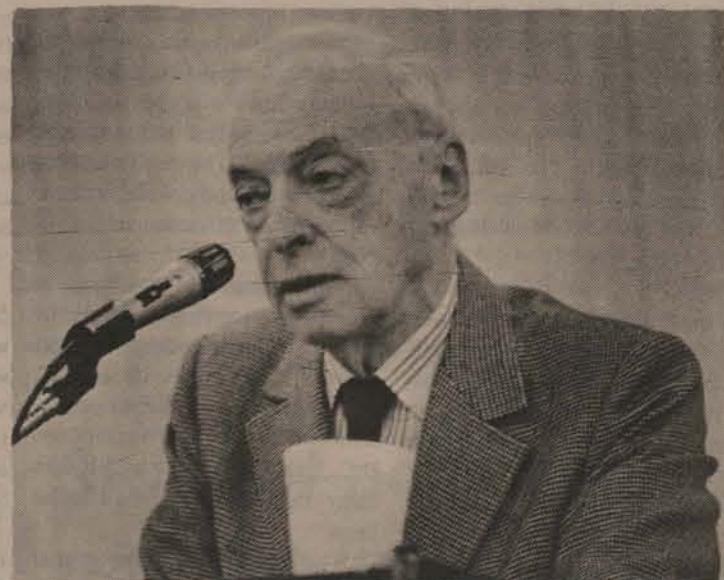
writing usefully, not writing greatly."

Bellow's most recent novel, "The Dean's December," is critical of the news media, particularly the sophistry and Machiavellian tactics of some journalists.

"Extraordinary things may happen in a big city and they may be written about once or twice in the newspapers, but no follow-ups are written," he said. "There is no attempt to inform the public in any systematic way. This is true of most American newspapers."

Bellow, born in Quebec in 1915, was raised in Chicago where he still lives and teaches English at the University of Chicago. He said that he is unconcerned with the labels critics apply to him as a Platonic or existential writer.

"I don't think a writer should



Nobel Prize winner Saul Bellow lectures on campus.

know that about himself," he said. "He should be concerned with the story first. Stories are mystifying - if they weren't mystifying, people wouldn't be attracted to them. Literature is not as definite as Euclid's geometry."

After the publication of "Herzog" which brought Bellow widespread acclaim and recognition, poet W. H. Auden asked Bellow of the book, "Don't you think it might be 'too' well written?" Bellow said that at the time

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Rock concert tickets to be discounted

Journey fans can save five dollars on their concert ticket by purchasing it in the LSUS Bookstore instead of local retail outlets.

The reduced ticket price can be attributed to the efforts of the Student Activities Board.

"This is part of a new program," said Mike Smith, president of SAB. "We don't have the facilities to bring Journey in ourselves, but we can make it easier for LSUS students who want to see them — or other famous bands."

The concert will be held on Dec. 6 at the Hirsch.

With a valid LSUS I.D., the tickets will only cost \$12. There is a limit of one discounted ticket per student, but others can be bought for the regular price of \$17.

The tickets go on sale today.

Puppy love



Jackie Day and Carolyn Cornelison's dog, Buddie, rub noses.

Students may soon be paying for decals

by BARBARA POWELL
Editorial Assistant

According to Timothy Poston, director of the LSUS University Police, students at LSUS should consider themselves lucky: They attend a college that has adequate, convenient parking and the decals that proclaim this privilege are free — at least for now.

"We're fortunate on this campus," said Poston. "We have plenty of parking. It's still not at a premium here. USL has to shuttle students in. And at LSU-Baton Rouge parking is a nightmare."

There are 4152 students currently enrolled at LSUS and 2470 designated parking spaces. But, said Poston, this is an adequate amount.

The new open parking policy, which allows students to park in spaces usually designated for faculty-staff, visitor, or vendor's

service vehicles from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. without receiving tickets, has helped reduce the parking problem.

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'War of deceit' caused strife

by ERIC GIPSON
Features Editor

The Israelis, according to Professor Yoram Peri, strongly believe that a "just" war is fought only if there is no choice. But the 1982 invasion of Lebanon, he said, was a radical change from the Israeli philosophy and has since earned the title, "a war of deceit."

Peri, a member of the political science department at Tel Aviv University, spoke at LSUS Monday on "The Military in Politics: A Middle East Perspective", a symposium of the American Professors for Peace in Middle East and the LSUS Government and Law Society.

"When a nation goes to war, you need a national consensus," said Peri, adding that the Israeli public initially supported the offensive, which began as a 40 kilometer advance into Lebanon to attack PLO targets.

Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, he said, had a different objective. "When Sharon went to war, his aim was to go to Beirut," said Peri. Sharon, along with Prime Minister Menachem Begin, sought to push the Syrians out of Lebanon, make Amin Jeminal president, and, ultimately, change the balance of power.

Because of their delicate posture in the mid-east and facing an ever-present threat by surrounding Arab nations, the Israeli society, military, and political echelon are closely inter-linked, Peri said. Virtually all Israeli citizens form the reserve army and, according to Peri, "the military is very much involved in the decision-making process."

The 1982 invasion, however, created a gap between the military and society as well as a gap between the military and government. "The generals were not only unhappy with Sharon, but with the government," said Peri.

Civilian anger at the "war of deceit" was expressed by 400,000 people demonstrating in Tel Aviv. "That would be like 25 million Americans demonstrating in Washington, D.C.," said Peri, adding, "It was clear that something had to be done."

"The military and educational systems worked hard on the moral issues the invasion produced," said Peri. There emerged, he said, a reaffirmation that Israel would not indulge in any wars for political gain.

Peri mentioned "Two Minutes

From Silent" a popular Israeli film about the ethical problems that soldiers faced during the offensive, such as being ordered to attack PLO and Syrian targets that contained civilians. "The interesting fact is that it was prepared by the military. I don't know of any other military that would do that," he said.

According to Peri, many Israelis, as well as Americans, thought that Lebanon is a western state with a parliament, etc. "We never studied Lebanon very well," he said. "It's a sort of chaos there. Each ethnic group has its own militia and there is no state."

Those who knew about the complexities of Lebanon, he said, were largely against the invasion, including the chief Israeli intelligence officer. "The majority either didn't know, didn't pay attention or were naive—like Sharon," Peri said.

Peri said that Israel basically had no problems with Lebanon until 1975, when the PLO began using the nation as a base from which to launch terrorist attacks. "We had the interest to defend our borders," he said.

Relations with Lebanon, said Peri, "cooled" when Israelis saw



Professor Yoram Peri answers questions at symposium.

that the views of some Christians were similar to their adversaries.

Also, said Peri, "they tried very hard to push us against the Syrians in north Lebanon."

"Israel cannot change the basic structure of the Middle East," said Peri. "If we took over Damascus, it would not change the differences."

Israel, he said, has been willing to compromise six times since 1948, including such concessions as giving back the Sinai peninsula to Egypt. But, said Peri, the Arabs cannot accept Israel in the Middle East because of the fundamental concept of Jihad which requires a belief in Allah.

Regarding the Palestinian problem, Peri said, "They have a legitimate claim." But the land of Israel, he noted, "belonged to the Jews 2000 years ago." The Zionist view, he said, is to compromise and divide the territory.

"There is a perception of Israel as a vicious military power," said Peri. "Israel has built a strong military only to defend itself," he said, adding, "You cannot blame us for being strong."

Junk books hit

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he was miffed at the comment but later realized the point Auden was trying to make.

"I was trying to do in fiction what Auden was trying to do in poetry," Bellow said. "The intensity of a poem cannot be maintained throughout a novel. Novels are more perishable than poems. In a poem, every word counts. Novels are put together more loosely. There is so much ground to cover so rapidly that you can't expect that degree of intensity to last for 800 pages."

Bellow was critical of what he called "superfluous writing—anything that makes demands on you that are disproportionate to the returns that you get when you read it." He said that he has read enough books by "writers who have nothing to say," referring to "books that do nothing for the mind or the soul and leave you the same after reading them as before." People are addicted to books of this sort, he said. "I suppose they do less harm than cocaine."

Bellow, who wrote about 6,000 pages of drafts of "Herzog" before finally finishing a final copy, is known for constantly revising and rewriting his works. He said he does not use a word processor. "I'm told they are very useful but I don't know how to use them and I don't want to interrupt myself to learn."

Bellow said that if were starting his writing career today, that he would be writing about America from the perspective of a twenty-year old. He said he believes that meliorism in literature, the belief that man can improve society through conscious effort, has proven ineffectual. "America's society has shown that meliorism really hasn't worked. I don't think it's kept up with the wickedness of the human species."

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Program helps students find jobs

Jobs are hard to come by these days, especially jobs that fit in a student's time schedule. Someone who needs extra money but doesn't want a commitment to one job can find help through the Student Temporary Employment Matching Systems (STEMS).

STEMS works as such: a student fills out a form telling when and what kind of work he or she is available for. The form is typed in to the computer and when someone calls for an employee the names are typed up on the computer. If there is more than one person available, then all the names are given to the employer.

The Placement Office averages about ten calls a month from people who need part time help. "Most of these jobs are one-time shots," said Bill Stowe, director of STEMS. Babysitting is the most popular followed by yard work and tutoring. "We have calls ranging from bartending to babysitting," Stowe said.

The students are not screened by the Placement Office and neither is the employer. Responsibility for contacting the student, negotiating the pay and other arrangements are left up to the employee.

STEMS is a free service to the community. To receive referrals or to apply for part-time help contact the Placement Office at 797-0562.

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Civic forum set

A new Civic Forum designed to annually review Louisiana legislative activity and present a one-stop report card session, has been announced by the Chancellor's Advisory Board.

Gerald Heep, chairman of the board, said the first Civic Forum with area legislators will be held on the morning of Nov. 17 and will be open to the public.

"The forum is designed to look back on the legislative activity of 1986, examine the upcoming special session of the legislature and look ahead to the issues facing our region and the state during the 1987 legislative session," Heep said.

Ten Northwest Louisiana legislators will be on hand to examine four major topics: education, economic development, state finances, and state priorities and leadership.

Moderators Orland Dodson,

business writer for The Times, and LaTonya Turner, news reporter for KSLA-TV, will present prepared questions to the legislators, and conduct a question-and-answer period with members of the audience.

Panelists will include State Sens Foster Campbell, Sydney Nelson and Greg Tarver, and Reps Robert Adley, Jesse Deen, Alphonse Jackson, Bruce Lynn, Johnny McFerren, Willie Singleton and Bobby Waddell.

The forum will begin with registration and a continental breakfast from 7:30 to 8 a.m. in the ballroom of the second floor of the University Center. Panel discussions will follow until 9:30 a.m.

The Civic Forum is free and open to the public. For further information contact the LSUS Office of University Relations at 797-5202.

by SCOTT STRONG
Managing Editor

Writers must rid themselves of any orthodoxy that interferes with the art of imagination, Nobel Laureate Saul Bellow said Tuesday night at Shreveport's Strand Theatre.

Bellow lectured on "Summing Up: A Task for Writers," in a forum presented by the LSUS American Studies Program. He said that writers must not succumb to the pressures to conform in modern American society where individuality is lost. "What America amounts to humanly, you, the writer, are supposed to discover," he said.

Bellow said that too many writers are distracted by drugs, sex and protest movements. "A writer must be as naive as possible," he said. "He must banish delusion and myth to breath the clear air of freedom."

"Writers are readers by

necessity and unless they put themselves in the reader's place, they will never be able to write well," Bellow said. "I am greatly attracted to the writer who doesn't read much. I admire his freedom but I don't think he is a writer of this world."

He said that American literature has not made an impressive showing in our time. "The American novel hasn't thrived very well. You can't talk about the university as an ivory tower anymore; it doesn't exist." He said that although universities are hotbeds of biochemical and other scientific studies, they are no longer the homes of great writers.

Bellow told an anecdote about his cousin, a Russian emigrant, who came to America and found the prostitutes "so pretty and so stylish that any Russian general would be happy to have one." The emigrant was impressed by the luxuries of American society, in-

cluding the grocery stores with "two aisles of dog food," but he found that most Americans were people who "do not know who they are, what they are, or what they are doing."

Bellow said that Russia and China are failed versions of the USA. "The Russians and the Chinese are merely Americans who are poor," he said. "We have all the success of the United States - plenty of bread and no lack of freedom. Only there is the question of what to do with all this freedom."

It is the writer's job to find a voice which will make the reader feel he is an instrument through which all human life feels, Bellow said. "Art has its seat among the most powerful seats of the human soul," he said. "It is up to us, the writers, to assert these powers in the absence where human life is not altogether recognizable."

Student parking fee may be imposed

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100 additional parking places. Although most of these spaces will be reserved for faculty-staff, Poston said that since most of the offices on Bronson Hall's first floor will be moved to the new building, he hopes to be able to give some of the BH parking spaces back to the students.

But students may soon be paying for the decal that allows them to park on campus.

"We don't charge right now for the decals," said Poston. "But we might have to. We're trying to keep the free decals as long as we can."

Next fall, the decals will be changed, forcing students to can," he said.

reregister their vehicle. Poston said that it is likely a fee will be charged for them.

But, with the shortage of funds likely to get shorter as higher education tightens its economic belt one more notch, students here may one day see another fee imposed — a parking fee.

"I see it coming," Poston said. "Most schools already charge for parking. The LSU-Med Center charges for it."

But Poston said he hopes that students won't be paying a parking fee anytime soon. "It's something we're going to try to hold the line on as long as we can," he said.

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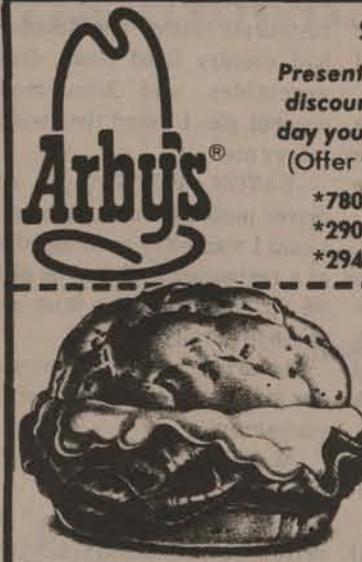
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Opinions

Students cheated; dead day needed

The pumpkins have just been rolled away; the turkeys, plucked and freshly seasoned, are now waiting for the oven and soon it will be time to trim the tree.

On Dec. 5 classes end.

On Dec. 8 finals begin.

And you guessed it; Dec. 6 and 7 fall on a weekend.

With holidays under wraps and finals close on our heels, you would think the LSUS officials could provide students with an extra day of studying.

The average age of students here is 27. So weekends may well be filled with jobs, kids, chores and raking leaves.

During the school year students are lucky to squeeze study time into their busy weekends.

The most profitable time to study for finals is during the week when students would normally be in classes. Dead Day was designed for this purpose. Why has it suddenly disappeared?

We suggest that in the future students be allotted at least one weekday free of class to study for exams.

But for now, some students must be content to cram for finals in between working and taking care of the kids.

Let's just hope Santa is a little kinder than the administration who scheduled this semester's study days.



Lewis Grizzard

Observations of cross-country trip: few non-gays, vicious cow, team lured

I'm finally home after a month on the road pushing a book. Some notes and observations on some places I went and some people I met:

—SAN FRANCISCO: I asked a woman here what it's like to be single in a city with a huge population of gay males.

"It's terrible," she answered. "The best men you meet are married, which leaves gays and unmarried straights. Obviously gays are out and the straight guys are so arrogant, they think they're God's gift to women."

After a moment of thought, the woman added, "In San Francisco, I guess they are."

—DALLAS: After several weeks of eating airplane food I

was ready for some home cooking. I found it in a Dallas restaurant called "The Mecca." I had country fried steak, fresh vegetables and home-made coconut pie. I asked the cook to marry me.

—BATON ROUGE: A cab driver picked me up at my hotel. I said I wanted to be dropped off at a restaurant and then be picked up again an hour later and taken to the airport.

The driver said, "I'll just wait for you in the parking lot of the restaurant."

"Won't that be expensive?" I asked.

"I won't run the meter," the driver replied. "When you drive a cab in Baton Rouge, you get used

Donald Garrett Saints charging to the top

Loyalty in the National Football League means being a New Orleans Saints fan. For 19 straight years the Saints sought a winning season and never found it.

Year after year Saint fans filled up old Tulane Stadium and now the Superdome, hoping for success, only to be disappointed by the often inept performance of their football team.

Past Saint teams were often a comedy of errors and nothing else. But the 1986 New Orleans team is very different from the 19 previous editions that wore the black and gold. Not only do the '86 Saints want to win, but they know how to win.

Unfortunately, there are still Saint doubters among NFL insiders. It made my blood boil last Sunday when CBS announcers Jack Buck and Hank Stram continually referred to the Rams poor play rather than the Saints great play as the reason for the game's outcome.

Come on NFL, wake up. That was not the Saints of old that dismantled the Los Angeles Rams on Sunday. Any team that can hold the great Eric Dickerson to just 10 yards rushing in the second half and to 57 total yards for the entire game is for real. To beat the Rams the Saints knew they had to shut down Dickerson; the final score was N.O. 6 and L.A. 0.

Much of the credit for the Saints turn around must go to first-year head coach Jim Mora. Mora won two USFL championships before coming to New Orleans and he has instilled that winning attitude in Saint players while installing his winning system.

But Mora has not done it alone. He has had the unwavering support of Owner Tom Benson and General Manager Jim Finks. And that's the way successful NFL teams are run — with proper communication and coordination from the owner through the front office to the head coach and ultimately, the players.

The two most successful NFL franchises over the last 25 years have followed that management system. I am talking about the Dallas Cowboys and the Oakland-Los Angeles Raiders.

General Manager Tex Schram, Personnel Director Gil Brandt and Coach Tom Landry have held

the same positions in the Dallas organization since the Cowboys came into existence 26 years ago. That's why the Cowboys are known as America's Team.

Owner Al Davis and General Manager Al LoCasel have brought their own brand of leadership to the Raiders for the past 22 years. That's why the Raiders are the most feared and respected franchise in the National Football League.

The Benson-Finks-Mora trio has brought sound management to New Orleans for the first time. Of course, there is one essential element that every winning team must have — talented players. And Mora has taken steps to take care of that problem as well.

Fifteen veterans from the '85 Saints squad are now ex-Saints. Nine of those players were starters, including defensive backs Russell Gary, Terry Hogue and Willie Tullis, linebackers Glenn Redd and Whitney Paul, runningback Wayne Wilson and quarterback Richard Todd. Mora has replaced the veterans with a group of young, hungry football players.

After a breather against woeful St. Louis this Sunday, the Saints face a murderous schedule the rest of the way. On consecutive weekends New Orleans must play the Rams, Patriots, Falcons, Dolphins and Vikings; each a playoff quality team. It is likely that the young Saints will meet their match somewhere along the way.

But the Saints will not go to battle unarmed. New Orleans has a dominating defense. And defense, as every NFL fan has heard a thousand times, wins championships. The Saints may not be ready for a championship, but their defense will keep them in the tough games that lay ahead.

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to waiting and not making any money."

—CHARLOTTE: This basketball-crazy town is trying to lure a professional team to the city. That news reminded me of the best line I ever heard about the National Basketball Association season, which runs from October until June.

Said Atlanta Constitution sports editor Jesse Outlar, "If the NBA had been in charge of World War II, Germany and Japan would still be in the running."

—FORT WORTH: I met a man here who is planning to get married for the first time at age 44.

"I thought about doing something funny at the wedding, like dressing up like the Japanese

did when they surrendered to MacArthur on the Missouri."

"A friend of mine reminded me of something, though. He said there are three things that do not have senses of humor, and they are brides, bureaucrats and old dogs."

—NASHVILLE: I was watching the news on television here, and there was a story about airline pilots using cocaine. When the news was over, I went to the bar at the hotel and had several drinks before leaving for the airport.

—LOS ANGELES: I saw the new movie hit, "Color of Money," starring Paul Newman and Tom Cruise here. It's a sequel to "The

Hustler," "Money" pales in comparison to "The Hustler." In pool parlance, it scratches.

—DENVER: This was in the papers. A Boulder, Colo., man has filed suit charging he was attacked by one of the defendant's cows.

The suit says the cow is "vicious and has a dangerous propensity to charge and attack," and came at the plaintiff without provocation and rendered him unconscious.

It's nice to be back home in Georgia, although I must remind myself it was a South Georgia attack bunny rabbit that once went after the president of the United

States.

History, culture found in archives

by DONALD GARRETT
Sports Editor

When most people hear the word archives they think of a dark, musty place filled with letters and old records written in faded ink, stacks of newspapers with tattered, yellowing pages and dusty books with worn covers.

But archives are exactly the opposite of that. Their purpose is to preserve history and for that reason, they are not damp and dusty places. Sure, there are faded letters, tattered newspapers and old, worn books in archives, but these things are what record history.

The archives at LSUS are the cornerstone of the Red River Regional Studies at this university. The LSUS archives provide a rich resource for the study of history, political science and state and regional culture, said Patricia Meador, director of the LSUS Archives.

Meador has been associated with the archives since its inception about 10 years ago. She became involved in archival work while working on her master's degree at the University of Oklahoma.

"My original degree is in history, so archival work is a natural for me," Meador said. "The archives are a valuable research tool for the students, faculty and community and I am proud of the work we are doing here."

Food drive scheduled

Panhellenic will be holding its annual canned food drive on Thursday and Friday of next week.

Students, administration and faculty are encouraged to bring their canned goods to school. Panhellenic will then give the food to the Salvation Army to be distributed to the needy.

Boxes in which community members can place their dona-

There is a wealth of material in the LSUS archives to use. Anyone wanting to know something about this region will probably find something of interest in the archives. There are records of city and parish government activities, newspapers from all over the Ark-La-Tex region and many private collections of letters and books that have great historical value.

Many of the private collections have been donated on a permanent basis, but others have been donated to be microfilmed with the owner retaining the original copy.

Much of the political, cultural, business, industrial, artistic and agricultural history of Northwest Louisiana is documented in the archives. But, unfortunately, not enough people use the archives, Meador said.

"Most people don't understand what an archives is, but we are certainly not an old, dusty place," Meador said. "In our archives you will find much of the raw material that is necessary for the study of the history of this region. We have a vast and growing microfilm collection on many topics. We have an excellent set of maps, and a vertical file of newspaper accounts covering key issues of local and regional interest."

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Miss LSUS pageant set

The 1987 Miss LSUS pageant will be held Feb. 28, 1987 in the University Center Theatre.

The pageant is an official Miss America preliminary. In addition to meeting the Miss America Pageant rules of entry, contestants must be students in good standing at LSUS, and be enrolled for at least six semester hours at the time of the pageant.

Campus Briefs

The winner will represent LSUS at various functions in the local area during the year. She will also be eligible to compete in the 1987 Miss Louisiana Pageant in June.

Anyone interested in competing

in this year's pageant should contact the pageant director, Joanne Swearingen, at 861-7218, between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

ACJS

The Association of Criminal Justice Students, ACJS, will hold a meeting on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 12:30 in BH 101. Cathie Dodson,

director of Shreveport's Juvenile Justice Agency, will be the guest speaker.

The meeting is open to the public.

Smokeout

Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society and Zeta Tau Alpha sorority are co-sponsoring the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout at LSUS on Thursday, Nov. 20.

All smokers are encouraged to participate, and all non-smokers are invited to adopt a smoker for

a day. A table will be set up in the UC lobby on Nov. 18-20, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., to provide facts about smoking.

Student directories

Student directories are now on sale.

The directories will be distributed by the business fraternity Pi Sigma Epsilon in the UC lobby. The price is \$3.

DOM

A Veterans Club meeting will be held at noon Wednesday, Nov. 19 in the Red River Room of the UC.

All veterans and their family members are invited to come.

For further information, call Sharon Stoneking, 746-0318.

There will be a freedom tree dedication ceremony Thursday at 12:30. Location will be announced later.

Mr. and Miss LSUS

Applications for Mr. and Miss LSUS may be picked up from the door of the SGA office, UC 224.

The qualifications are listed on the applications. The deadline is Nov. 21; the election will be held the following week.

Student succumbs

John Troy Bain, 23, a liberal arts student at LSUS, died at Willis Knighton Hospital Nov. 9, 1986, following an automobile accident.

Bain's parents, Troy and Day Bain, have established the John Troy Bain Scholarship Fund at LSUS in memorium.

Art exhibits

"Fiber Finery," a presentation of the Shreveport Fiber Guild will be exhibited in the University Center Art Gallery through Nov. 24.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays.

Watercolors by Lyda Merkle will be on display in the Noel Memorial Library through Dec. 12.

The library exhibit features the works of Mrs. Merkle of El Dorado, Ark., a well-known area watercolorist.

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Brotherhood key for fraternity

by REGINA YEAGER
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The closest thing to a college cafeteria for LSUS is the food service.

The closest thing to college games for LSUS is intramurals.

And the closest thing to a fraternity row for LSUS is Jordan Street.

Two "fraternity houses" are located on Jordan Street — Kappa Sigma and Phi Delta Theta. How ironic that the two fraternities, which in the past have been arch rivals, are now neighbors just two houses away from each other.

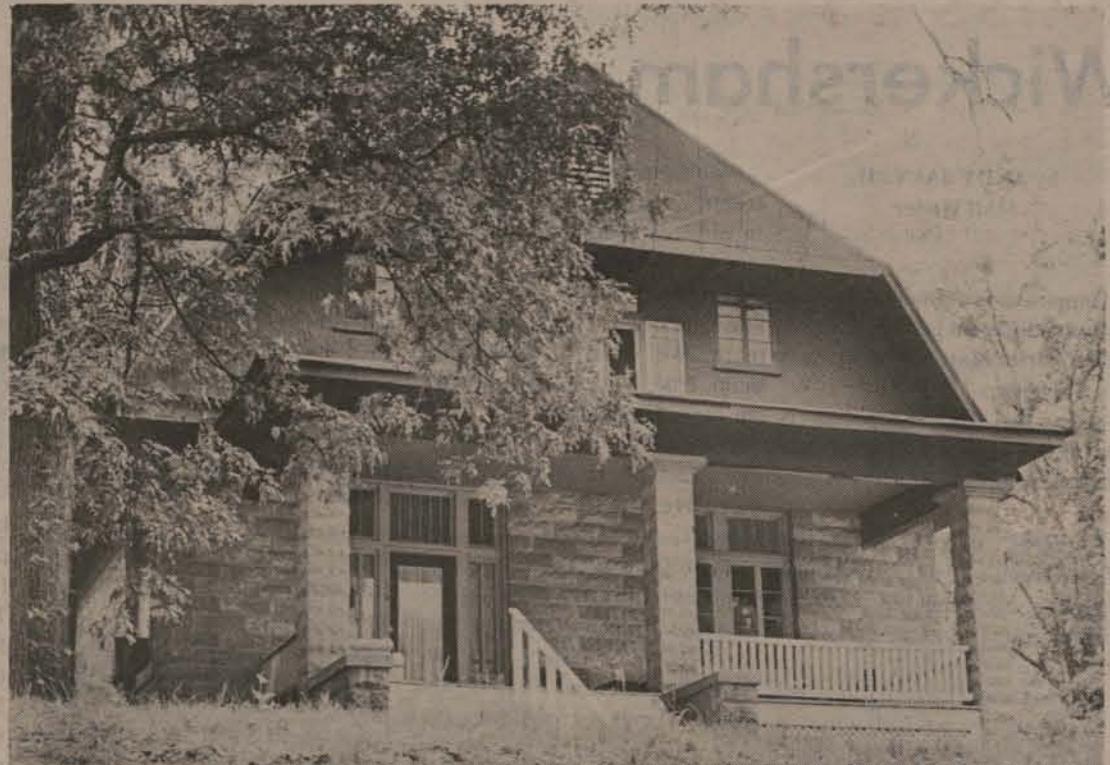
Phi Delta Theta was the first fraternity at LSUS to have a house. For the past three years the Phi Deltas have had a "house" first at Dalzell Street, the Prospect Street and now on Jordan.

The house at first glance looks like one of the typical two story older homes in Shreveport. Sitting on top of a steep hill, it towers above Jordan Street.

The first clue that this is not a typical house is the tapered-off shape of a body at the bottom of the stairs. Don't worry, no one died there but this does give the visitors a chance to realize that the house is not inhabited by Mommy, Daddy, and three loving kids.

How does the house look inside? This depends on when you visit.

Many people picture fraternity houses as they are portrayed in movies which depict fraternity life. A picture such as beer and pizza crust all over the floor, trash everywhere and food in the furniture. Go to the Phi Delt house after a party and the stereotype image of a fraternity



Is this the Phi Delta Theta house? Yeah, come on in.

house will not be lost.

After all, it is a "fraternity house," all the members go to school, work and socialize. Who has time to clean up a huge house?

Well the pledges do. They have time every Sunday morning. So the house stays clean a majority of the time.

Everywhere a guest looks, he is reminded of what "fraternity house" he is in. Trophies line the mantel of the fireplace and Phi Delt composites line the wall.

Four Phi Deltas live in the house and the chapter pays for part of the rent. The chapter holds their weekly meetings and social functions at the house.

While only four live at the house, very seldom will one find only four members there. At nights and on weekends the Phi

Delts sit around the house: strive for.

At this commuter campus the average student's age is 26 and the average student comes to school, goes to class, and leaves because he either has to work or doesn't care about getting to know anyone on campus. The Greeks at LSUS have a hard time achieving the brotherhood or sisterhood which is typified by greek systems.

There was one neighbor who tried to get a petition up when they moved in but the petition failed. There were not enough signatures.

A lot is to be said for the fraternities at LSUS who have the closest thing to "fraternity houses" that the college will see for a long time. They are trying to achieve the brotherhood that fraternities are supposed to

achieve.

Observing the Phi Deltas, it is very easy to see they have achieved this brotherhood. The little inside jokes they are continuously laughing about and the way they stick together when the going gets tough, as it did earlier this year, strongly suggests that every greek organization should have a place of their own. Phi Delta Theta has achieved a close brotherhood.

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by ANDY SALVAIL
Staff Writer

Happiness is defined in various ways by different people.

To Charles Manson, "happiness is a warm gun."

Many feel that happiness is having 2.5 children, a mortgage and three Persian cats in the yard.

Ex-Tiger quarterback Jeff Wickersham's idea of happiness currently means living in Baton Rouge and attending school at LSU.

Wickersham rewrote the offensive record books at LSU while he was the starting QB from 1983 to 1985. He completed 59 percent of his passes and threw for more than 2000 yards in each season. He is the all-time total yardage leader at LSU. In Southeastern Conference history, Wickersham ranks seventh in all-purpose yardage.

After a brief tryout with the Miami Dolphins last summer, Wickersham returned to Baton Rouge to earn his business degree. He lives off-campus, and works part-time at Sports Illustrated, a bar located south of LSU (near Tigerland). He is overloaded with 21 hours of classes this semester, and plans to graduate in December.

Wickersham harbors no ill feelings toward the Dolphin organization for cutting him.

"Just being there was a good experience for me," he said. "But still, I believe that they didn't give me the opportunity to show them what I could do."

Wickersham said that many NFL organizations have recently phoned him and expressed an interest in his passing abilities. The Dallas Cowboys and the Pittsburgh Steelers are just two of the teams that have invited him to their training camps for tryouts next year.

"I've had various job offers, but I would rather take another shot at pro football," Wickersham said. If a football career doesn't pan out, however, he is content to live and work in Louisiana, a state he loves.

Wickersham hails from Merritt Island, Fla., but was brought to LSU by former coach Jerry Stovall in 1982. He saw little playing time during his freshman year as a backup to Alan Risher, but started the following season when Stovall's last Tiger squad collapsed and finished with a 3-7-1 record. Was the pressure overbearing for the Tigers in 1983?

"Well, every year there's a tremendous amount of pressure to win," Wickersham said. "But

the things going on during Stovall's last year distracted our team. We were a very young team, true, but much better than our record indicated."

The Tigers returned to glory in 1984. Led by head coach (and defensive genius) Bill Arnsparger, they finished 8-3-1 and went to the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans where they were defeated by the Nebraska Cornhuskers. Wickersham and running backs Dalton Hilliard and Garry James garnered nationwide attention for their explosive offensive powers. The Tigers also enjoyed another banner year in 1985 before losing to Baylor in the Liberty Bowl.

Wickersham's favorite game as a Tiger was LSU-Florida State in 1982; a crucial contest in Tiger Stadium that provided LSU with an Orange Bowl berth.

Tiger fans continually pelted the field with oranges during that game and were penalized twice by referees for delaying and disrupting play. The field was a cluttered sea of orange and green. The Tigers easily defeated the Seminoles 35-17.

Wickersham also cites the LSU-Notre Dame matchup of 1985 as being thrilling "because we whipped the Irish in South Bend."

He undoubtedly misses being at the Tiger helm, and reflected on his former coaches.

"I still keep in touch with Jerry Stovall, and so do his other recruits," Wickersham said.

Stovall was fired by controversial Athletic Director Bob Brodhead (whose resignation takes effect on Dec. 1) for having inconsistent seasons. Wickersham's feelings toward Brodhead?

"He came in and did his job. I respect him. He was a good A.D. The problem was that some of his methods were highly questionable."

Wickersham praised Bill Arnsparger for being an outstanding coach "who works at his job 24 hours a day." He predicts that the Tigers will have a winning season this year because of some new offensive stars.

"I'm sure Tommy Hodson will dominate; he's great. The offensive line is doing a good job this year and is giving him lots of protection. Sammy (Martin) and Harvey Williams are impressive, too. The defensive unit is young, but will definitely improve."

Wickersham said that there is no stopping junior receiver Wendell Davis, a former Fair Park standout from Shreveport. Davis is one of the leading collegiate receivers in the nation.

"The only way to stop him is by double coverage. He can burn anybody," Wickersham said.

If hard work, dedication and perseverance are the keys to athletic success, then Wickersham will certainly make the most of his next opportunity when the NFL beckons him next summer.

Saints cont.

A few upsets and the Saints could sail into the playoffs.

Even if the Saints fall short of the playoffs this year, a solid foundation has been laid for a bright football future in New Orleans.

Saint fans can rejoice over the teams' performance this season and take heart in what Pittsburgh Steelers fans once endured. The Steelers were one of the NFL's original franchises, but for four decades they were the league laughingstocks, never once making the playoffs and rarely having a winning season.

But Pittsburgh dropped a Steel curtain on the NFL in the 1970s as they won a record four Super Bowls. The rest of the NFL should beware because its only taken the Saints have as long as it did Pittsburgh to reach that level.

COMING NEXT WEEK:

NFC Football Predictions

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Intramural Playoffs

IM in stretch run

by DONALD GARRETT
Sports Editor

Weather once more played havoc with the flag football playoffs last week. The semi-finals were completed last Thursday when the Cadets from ROTC upset and humiliated the defending playoff champion Maniacs, 38-2. ROTC was set to play Phi Van Halen for the championship last weekend, but inclement weather forced postponement of the contest.

The title game was rescheduled for yesterday afternoon on the LSUS field. In beating the Maniacs, ROTC proved the old adage that overconfidence will bring down the champion every time. Earlier in the season the Maniacs beat the Cadets rather handily, but ROTC rallied in the playoffs as quarterback Pete Adams tossed 6 touchdown passes to help his squad avenge the earlier defeat.

The men's volleyball league played its championship game last night. By virtue of their regular season records, Kappa Sigma and the Etanols received byes into the semi-final round. The Etanols were to play the win-

ner of the quarterfinal match between the Cobras and ROTC, while Kappa Sigma was to face the victor of the quarterfinal tilt between BSU and Delta Sigma.

Next Thursday, Nov. 20, a pool singles tourney will take place. All students interested in entering the tourney should have their entries in the IM office by 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

One last event, though not directly IM related, is the SAB sponsored trip to the LSUS-Tulane game on Thanksgiving weekend. A chartered bus will leave the north parking lot at about 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 29 and is scheduled to arrive at Tiger Stadium at 6 p.m. The bus will return to Shreveport immediately after the game and should arrive back in Shreveport around 4 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Any student, faculty member or alumni is eligible to make the trip. All interested parties should contact the Student Activities Board for more information. Cost for the trip is \$35 per person and includes the football ticket and round trip transportation, but does not include meals.

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